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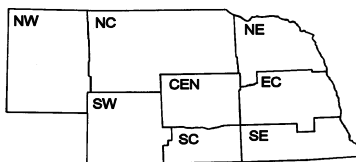
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WEATHER

Temperatures averaged mostly near to above normals for the month of January. Most snow fell during the second and last week of the month. Precipitation for the month was above normal in all but some Panhandle counties.

GENERAL

Cold temperatures along with snow cover in many areas limited livestock utilization of stalk fields during January, according to the Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. With these continued conditions from last month, hay supplies were drawn down resulting in increased costs of forage supplies. Farm activities included snow removal from feeding and farm lanes, preparing taxes, planning and arranging supplies for the 2001 crop year, and livestock care.

CROPS

Winter Wheat crop rated 6% very poor, 12% poor, 46% fair, 30% good, and 6% excellent.

Hay and forage supplies were mostly short to adequate statewide, with the shortest supplies reported in the southwest district.

LIVESTOCK, PASTURE & RANGE

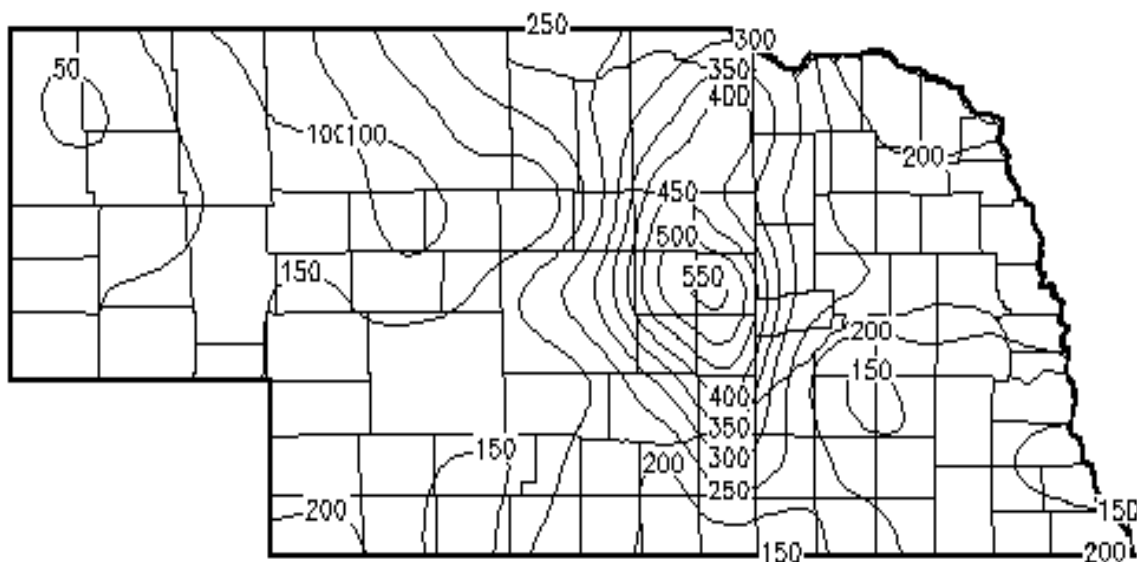
Cattle and calves condition rated 3% poor, 35% fair, 55% good, 7% excellent. Hay and grain feeding was necessary in most areas as cattle were not able to fully utilize snow covered stalk fields.

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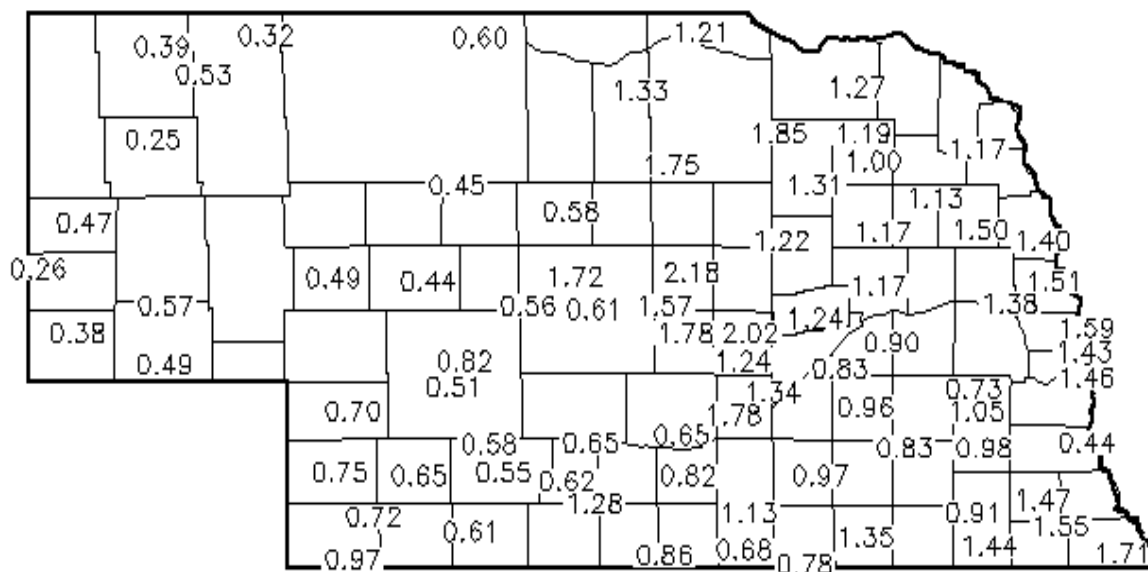
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PRECIPITATION AS PERCENT OF NORMAL FOR JANUARY 2001



PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 2001



Source: High Plains Climate Center